

## Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS)

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## 1. Introduction

Council Regulation (EC) 1005/2009 governs the importation and exportation of certain chemical substances known as ozone depleting substances (ODS). In general, the import and export of ODS is prohibited. However, some ODS may be imported or exported for critical use where the European Commission has granted a licence to the importer or exporter. In Ireland these licences mostly relate to imports/exports for use in aircraft fire suppression systems (including ones already installed on aircraft) and as reagents in laboratories.

In Ireland, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the competent authority with responsibility for the enforcement of this legislation. Revenue assists the EPA by the application of controls at importation and exportation to identify shipments of ODS and to distinguish between legal and illegal shipments. ODS are still being traded, sometimes illegally through falsifying the name or mislabelling.

## 2. Legislation

[Council Regulation \(EC\) No. 1005/2009](#)

[Customs Act 2015](#)

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